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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : ATTN: PATENT PUBLICATIONS  
Eike POETSCH et al. : Examiner: Yong Liang Chu  
Serial No.: 10/537,307 : Group Art Unit: 1626  
Filed: June 2, 2005 : Allowed: January 9, 2007  
For: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF NAPHTHALENE DERIVATIVES

**REQUEST FOR COMPLETE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

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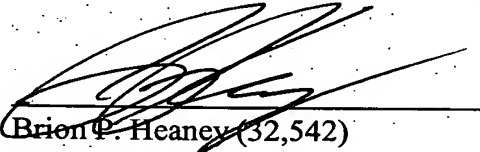
Sir:

Along with the Office Action mailed August 4, 2006, the Examiner included a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A which had been submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of June 2, 2005. The Examiner crossed out the references on the form as either "Incorrect application number" or "Not provided." It is to be noted that the reference listed as Cite 001 is actually a Publication number, not an application number. Further, all of the references were cited in the International Search Report forwarded to the U.S. Designated Office by the International Bureau of W.I.P.O. For the Examiner's convenience, counsel herewith supplies additional copies of the references and respectfully requests that a copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned to applicants with the examiner's initials indicating the references cited therein were considered during the prosecution of the above-identified application.

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In addition, counsel herewith returns a "Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement by Applicants PTO-1449", which is unrelated to the above-identified application and was not submitted by undersigned counsel.

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